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In re the application of:

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FOR: ZINC BORATE, METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME AND USE THEREOF

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The Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 4 and 6-9 in their entireties and without prejudice.

Please enter the following new claims:

--12 [New] A zinc borate according to claim 1 wherein a product of crystallite sizes as found from the diffraction peaks of indexes of planes (020), (101) and (200) is not smaller than  $200,000\text{nm}^3$ .

13 [New] A zinc borate according to claim 2 wherein a

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